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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON MOVEMENT TO MOROCCAN TROOPS
TO ZAIRE

REF: STATE 141051

THE DEPARTMENT WILL USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE ON THE
MOVEMENT OF MOROCCAN TROOPS TO ZAIRE FOR BRIEFINGS WITH
THE PRESS BEGINNING 1500 EDT. IT REPLACES PARAGRAPH 2
OF REFTEL. ADDRESSEES MAY USE TO ANSWER PRESS QUERIES.

BEGIN GUIDANCE: IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE TO ZAIRE
OF MAINTAINING SECURITY IN SHABA PROVINCE, THE UNITED
STATES HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR AN
EXCHANGE OF FRENCH AND AFRICAN TROOPS THERE. THE US ROLE
WILL BE LIMITED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLEARLY DEFINED
GUIDELINES AND IS DIRECTED AT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE AND THE SECURITY OF SHABA
UPON WHICH THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF ZAIRE AND THE LIVELI-
HOOD OF MANY OF ITS PEOPLE DEPEND.

US PLANES WILL TRANSPORT MOROCCAN FORCES TO ZAIRE IN THE
NEAR FUTURE AS PART OF AN AIRLIFT WHICH WILL MOVE FRENCH
TROOPS NOW IN ZAIRE TO FRANCE. THE US WILL CONSIDER TRANS-
PORTING FURTHER CONTINGENTS OF AFRICAN TROOPS TO ZAIRE AS
REQUESTS FROM INTERESTED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS EVOLVE.
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US ASSISTANCE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF AFRICAN TROOPS TO
SHABA IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEW THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS
ARE BEST SOLVED BY AFRICANS.

OUR PARTICIPATION WILL INVOLVE NO US COMBAT FORCES OR
FLIGHTS INTO COMBAT AREAS. THE US WILL PLAY A SUPPORTING
ROLE AS IT DID IN THE EARLIER TRANSPORT OF FRENCH AND
BELGIAN TROOPS TO ZAIRE. END. GUIDANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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